

THE WHITE HOUSE

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WASHINGTON

May 31, 1966

NATIONAL SECURITY ACTION MEMORANDUM NO. 349

TO: The Secretary of State  
The Secretary of Defense  
The Administrator of the Agency for  
International Development  
The Secretary of Agriculture  
The Secretary of Commerce  
The Secretary of the Interior  
The Secretary of the Treasury  
The Administrator of the National Aeronautics  
and Space Administration

SUBJECT: Development of the Frontiers of South America

At my direction the Policy Planning Council of the Department of State has prepared a study entitled "The Frontiers of South America," containing a preliminary assessment of the potentialities of developing the heartland of the South American continent. This study provides a foundation for future systematic work. I wish to see the short and long term aspects of the study carried forward expeditiously by all Departments and Agencies concerned.

I have assigned to the Secretary of State responsibility for directing this project, using the mechanism established by National Security Action Memorandum No. 341 of March 2, 1966. Within the framework of NSAM No. 341 and because the project relates exclusively to the Latin American area, it is understood that the Secretary of State will delegate action responsibility to the Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs.

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The study should be examined in the first instance with a view to selecting and developing the most appropriate proposals for presentation as topics of discussion at the proposed meeting of Chiefs of State of the American Republics. Subsequent consideration of the study will seek to determine the feasibility of the remaining proposals and establish priorities for their implementation within the over-all program of assistance for Latin America.

A report on the progress made in carrying forward the South American frontiers project is to be submitted to me at six month intervals beginning on December 31, 1966.

